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Weekly Summer Flounder Quota Report (No. 12)

Summer Flounder Landings (pounds) for 2000.

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 25-MAR-00	Period	Proposed 2000 Quotas	Percent Landed
			Cumulative Total (to date)		
ME	0	0	1,393	5,284	26.4
NH	0	0	0	51	0
MA	0	0	34,338	757,834	4.5
RI	5,188	41,379	631,716	1,742,566	36.3
CT	4	1,932	121,228	250,788	48.3
NY	3,478	6,097	197,507	849,672	23.2
NJ	10	457	1,000,949	1,858,346	53.9
DE	0	0	0	1,977	0
MD	0	11	23,175	226,568	10.2
VA	2,950	4,696	1,354,455	2,368,546	57.2
NC	0	92	2,306,422	3,049,560	75.6
TOTAL	11,630	54,664	5,671,183	11,111,191	51.0

Notes:

Quotas used on this report are proposed 2000 Federal quotas.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **25-MAR-00**, 238 dealers held a federal summer flounder permit. Of those 238 dealers, 168 (71%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary. Data supplied by the State of Massachusetts are as of the week ending March 18, 2000.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Summer Flounder (Year 2000 Quota Period)

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts		The trip limit for summer flounder for Massachusetts will drop back to 500 lbs on 3/30/00.		Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island		Effective 1201 hrs on 12/29/99, the possession limit for summer flounder will be 1,000 lbs until further notice.		April Valliere 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut		Effective 0001 hrs on Sunday, 2/27/2000, the trip limit for commercial harvest of summer flounder will be reduced to 400 lbs. No vessel shall be in possession of more than this amount in CT waters except those vessels which sail prior to midnight on Thursday, 2/24/2000, shall be allowed to land 1500 lbs at the end of that trip.		Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York		Effective 0001 hrs on 3/5/2000, the trip limit for summer flounder will be lowered back to 500 lbs.		John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey		Effective 1801 hrs, 1/14/2000, no vessel shall land or possess any summer flounder in excess of the by-catch trip limit of 200 lbs through 2/29/2000 or until such time as the fall by-catch quota is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten (10) percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.	Effective 0001 hrs on 5/7/2000, the directed summer flounder fishery will re-open at a 500 lb trip limit and a maximum of 5 days per week a vessel may land summer flounder. The May-June season will open with its full directed fishery quota.	Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782

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Maryland		Effective 0800 hrs on Friday, 2/26/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder with a Maryland summer flounder permit is increased to 5,000 lbs.		Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia		Effective 0001 hrs on Tuesday, 1/04/2000, the First Quarter of the Virginia offshore Summer Flounder fishery will open. The possession limit is 5,000 lbs.		Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina	State	Effective 1800 hrs on Friday, 3/3/00, the North Carolina commercial season for summer flounder is closed. North Carolina Fisheries Rules allow vessels to land up to 100 lbs of flounder per trip taken from the Atlantic Ocean during a closed season.	North Carolina commercial season will reopen on 11/1/00.	Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021